



## DISTRICT 5 DIRECTOR'S REPORT – SANTA CRUZ COUNTY

PREPARED FOR THE SEPTEMBER 5, 2013 SANTA CRUZ COUNTY REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION MEETING

### NEWSWORTHY

- The California Transportation Commission recently approved \$487 million for 82 construction projects statewide to improve transportation, safety and mobility. The allocations include \$169 million from Proposition 1B, a 2006 voter-approved transportation bond. To date, more than \$16 billion in these funds have improved transportation across the state.
- Caltrans recently released its *Scope Document and Timeline* for the 2040 *California Transportation Plan*. This plan provides long-range policies addressing future mobility needs, reducing greenhouse gas emissions and supporting sustainable communities. The plan also includes a *Modeling and Policy Scenario Development Flow Chart*, which shows how information, data, scenarios and models interact and flow. The chart features five groups: Inputs, Scenario Modeling, Initial Outputs, Economic and Emissions Modeling and Final Results. It also provides an overview of how the CTP will calculate final results such as greenhouse gas emissions, gross state product, mode split, vehicle miles traveled and delay, and commodity flow by tonnage and mode, etc. More information is available at: <http://www.dot.ca.gov/hq/tpp/californiainterregionalblueprint/>
- Caltrans is working on its High-Speed Rail Transit Connectivity Program, established in July 2012. The program fosters strong partnerships between Caltrans, the California High-Speed Rail Authority, regional and local agencies, and transit operators to develop multi-modal transportation connections critical to the success of the high-speed rail system. More information is available at: <http://www.dot.ca.gov/hq/tpp/offices/ocp/hsr.html>
- California has the busiest highways in the nation, according to the Federal Highway Administration. A new report featuring America's 10 most heavily traveled interstate routes showed that people drove more than 84.7 billion miles on the state's highways in 2011. Interstate 5 carried the nation's most traffic with 21.4 billion miles traveled. Overall, vehicles traversed 2.95 trillion miles on U.S. roadways in 2011—the eighth highest level ever recorded, and nearly twice the amount reported in 1980. FHWA compiles the data through its Highway Performance Monitoring System operated by state departments' of transportation. More information is available at: <http://www.ewenspf.com/opinion/analysis/45486-new-federal-highway-administration-report-reveals-states-with-the-busiest-highways.html>

### LOCAL HIGHLIGHTS

Caltrans recently awarded nearly \$4.5 million in transportation planning grants, including the following:

- Santa Cruz County Regional Transportation Commission – \$250,000 (Partnership Planning Grant) to develop a passenger rail study.
- Santa Cruz Metropolitan Transit District – \$40,281 (5304 Transit Planning Grant) to implement a transit planning internship program.

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